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1. MISSION REQUESTED CONVEY TO ECE SECRETARIAT SUGGESTION THAT AGENDA FOR FORTHCOMING SESSION OF CHEMICAL COMMITTEE PROVIDE FOR REVIEW OF SITUATION ON FLUOROCARBONS AND THEIR POTENTIAL EFFECT ON THE OZONE LAYER IN THE STRATOSPHERE. PURPOSE OF SUCH REVIEW WOULD BE TO ASSURE AN AWARENESS BY THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY DELEGATES OF THE NATURE OF THE PROBLEM AND TO INFORM THEM OF WORK OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES. INTENT WOULD NOT BE TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR, OR TO INITIATE PROJECTS RELATING TO, THE FLUOROCARBON PROBLEM. THERE MIGHT BE A REVIEW OF ONGOING WORK BY THE OECD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, WHERE THE U.S. AND CANADA HAVE

ASSUMED "LEAD COUNTRY" RESPONSIBILITY. IT MAY BE APPROPRIATE IN THIS CONNECTION AND UNDER ITEM 7 OR 8 OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS OECD BODY

TO BE PRESENT.

2. THE FLUOROCARBON PROBLEM IS OF ACTIVE CONCERN TO THE
U.S. CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, TO THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY, AND TO
U.S. AND STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. IT IS THEREFORE
APPROPRIATE THAT THE ECE CHEMICAL COMMITTEE BE FULLY ALERT
TO THE PROBLEM AND TO THE EXTENT OF WORK NOW BEING DONE. KISSINGER

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